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**INTERNATIONAL “ECSTACY” CONSPIRATOR
SENTENCED**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL NIEMCZYCKI, 24, a dual-citizen of Poland and the United States, previously residing in North Carolina, was sentenced on January 19, 2006, by the Honorable David F. Hamilton, United States District Court Judge, Southern District of Indiana, to 51 months imprisonment, a \$15,000.00 fine, and three (3) years supervised release to follow the term of incarceration for conspiring to possess with intent to distribute methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), commonly known as “ecstasy.” The indictment followed a joint investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Marion County Sheriff’s Department.

NIEMCZYCKI procured thousands of dosage units of “ecstasy” from Warsaw, Poland, and conspired with at least one (1) Indianapolis, Indiana resident, David Starks, who distributed the “ecstasy” in the Indianapolis area. The “ecstasy” was, on occasion, concealed in shipments of children’s toys sent to Indianapolis, Indiana. One shipment of the drugs, approximately 2,760 tablets, was seized at the Frankfurt, Germany airport. The package originated from an unidentified shipper in Warsaw, Poland and was en route via United Parcel Service to Indianapolis, Indiana.

Starks and Gerald Rachell were previously adjudged guilty of a related conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute MDMA, and of possessing a firearm in furtherance of the drug trafficking offense. The Honorable David F. Hamilton sentenced Starks to 101 months’ imprisonment, a \$1,500.00 fine, and three (3) years’ supervised release to follow his incarceration. Rachell was sentenced to 106 months’ imprisonment, a \$1,500.00 fine, and three (3) years’ supervised release.

In pronouncing NIEMCZYCKI’s sentence on Thursday, January 19, 2006, the Court expressed a desire for NIEMCZYCKI to begin making up for the immeasurable harm he caused to the community and to the nation.

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